

The little glass bottle

"Heave to, there's something floating to the leeward" the speaker was a short stockily built man whose name was William Jones. He was the captain of a small cat boat in which he & a party of men were sailing at the time the story opens.

"Aye aye sir" answered

John Towers & the boat was brought to a stand still. Captain Jones reached out his hand for the object which he now discerned

a glass bottle " Nothing but
a rum flask that the men
on a passing boat threw
over he said but from an
impulse of curiosity he
reached out for it. It was
a rum flask & he was
about to throw it away when
he noticed a piece of paper
in it. He pulled it out
& on it read the following

Jan 1 1864

I am John Jones
who writes this

INDIAN OCEAN
*
AUSTRALIA

on the edge were written
these words

abled Jones
rep 5 feet over clock

"Jowers" said Capt. Jones
excitedly "read this"

Jowers did as he was directed
"I think would pay to go"

~~little ^{my} ship~~

partly sunken
with a 1000 lb
on board

I am where

it is marked

* on the enclosed
chart

Captain Jones turned
the sheet over &
the other side was a
chart

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said capt. Jones "do you"?

"Just as you say" replied
Towers. "We'll charter
a schooner this very day"
said the excited captain

"All right" said Towers
so they hired a boat and
started off guided by
the dotted lines of the
chart in 4 weeks they
reached the place where
directed & the divers
went down and
came up with an iron

bottle they found in it
the following lines scrawled
on a piece of brown paper

Dec 3 1880

Hear Searcher excuse
me for the practical
joke I have played on
you but it serves you
right to find nothing
for your foolish act -

"Well it does" said Capt
Jones "go on"

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However I will defray
your expenses to & from
the place you found your
bottle I think it will be

\$125.00 so that amount
you will find in an

Iron box I know where
you found the bottle
because I put this bottle
here & the iron box & then
found a good place
to put the second bottle
hoping the enclosed money
will defray your expenses
me I close. Anonymous

"I'd like to kick his
head off" said Capt Jones

"Here diver go & get

the \$25.00 in a
minute the diver came
up bearing an iron box
which contained the \$25.00

It defrayed their expenses
but I hardly think that
they will ever go to a
mysterious place addressed
by a mysterious bottle

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